

October 16, 2015

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

Two City Of Glendale Events Make A Difference To The Community

Did you know that **Saturday, Oct. 24** is Make a Difference Day? The city of Glendale is making a difference on this date with two separate events designed to encourage volunteers to give back to the community. Glendale employees will team up with other volunteers to refresh Glendale homes with new paint as part of the city's Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon, while Free Arts for Abused Children is partnering with Glendale to involve disadvantaged youth in community art projects.

Scheduled from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., the Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes of applicants who are ages 60 and older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources, or are veterans who are unable to do the work themselves. Through an application process which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance, this annual community effort, in partnership with Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun, makes a continuous positive impact on Glendale and engages more than 3,000 volunteers Valleywide through hands-on neighborhood revitalization. Volunteers from Vineyard Church North Phoenix will also be painting up to five homes two weeks earlier, on Oct. 10, as part of this effort.

In the last five years, teams of volunteers painted more than 560 homes, including homes in Glendale, during this one-day event. Michelle Yates, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, hopes to see similar results this year. "Glendale is invested in the well-being of our community," she said. "It is so humbling to see the volunteers that turn out each year to help us meet this



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demand of helping those in need within our city. It really is a rewarding experience!"

Help us make a difference by volunteering! All volunteers must be at least age 14 and volunteers younger than 18 must have signed parental permission slips. For more information, call 623-930-2663.

A different kind of painting takes center stage during the Make a Difference event hosted by Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona in Murphy Park, 58th & Glendale Avenue, **from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** More than 150 homeless and abused children will join 50 volunteers to beautify the downtown area by creating a meaningful mural. In addition, four other small projects will benefit people in need. "Although the children Free Arts serves have experienced challenges of their own, they are always willing and excited to make a difference in someone else's life," says program director Jessica Flowers.

Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona, the city of Glendale, Families Giving Back, and the Fiesta Bowl are all sponsors of this event. Live music and a performance will be provided by Free Arts youth and professional artists. Lunch will be served to all who participate. Downtown businesses are encouraged to come out and share in the fun!

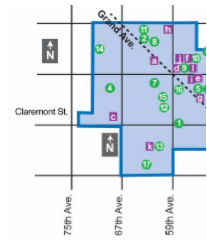
Parking is available in the Palmaire Parking Garage located at Palmaire and 58th Drive. For more information, call Mojgan Vahabzadeh at 623-930-3557 or email mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com. To learn more about Free Arts, visit www.freeartsaz.org.

College Football Playoff Organization's Donates to Glendale Schools

On October 6th, the Arizona Organizing Committee held a press event to announce that the College Football Playoff organization's Extra Yard for Teachers program would be funding several projects previously submitted by Challenger Middle School teachers to donorschoose.org, a popular online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. The projects funded for Challenger Middle School will pay costs associated with field trips, extracurricular programs, arts, and culture.

Adding to the excitement, the Arizona Organizing Committee also announced that ALL projects already submitted by Glendale schools were being funded! In total over \$35,000 was donated for 53 projects across 31 schools with an estimated impact to 10,157 students. For a complete list of school projects that were funded, click here <http://bit.ly/1OjqE1K>.

"The Arizona Organizing Committee has made a commitment to provide \$1,000,000 in charitable contributions, the bulk of which will be spent to benefit education in Arizona through Extra Yard for Teachers" said Brad Wright, co-chair of the Arizona Organizing Committee, "We would encourage teachers all across Arizona to list projects on donorschoose.org - you never know if the Arizona Organizing Committee or College Football Playoff organizations will do another flash-funding event!"



Safe Haven Project

Are you afraid to keep your baby?
Do you just want to give your baby a safe, and make baby gets a good start?

You have options! You can now have the **Safe Haven** crisis respite available to assist with questions, options, resources, 24/7. 707-2229.

If your baby is under 72 hours old and you don't intend to raise the baby, you have options. Simply bring your baby to the Safe Haven location.

Any Hospital
Any Ambulance
Any Designated Agency
On-duty Fire Station
Any Designated Location

You must hand the baby to a person at above location. You may place baby in the Safe Haven drawer.

The Arizona Organizing Committee donated nearly \$5000 to Glendale's Challenger Middle School from College Football Playoff's Extra Yard for Teachers program. Watch the video below of this exciting event!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0DU6RTE2WE>

The Glendale Police Department Participates in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On September 8th, 2015 Mayor Jerry Weiers and the Glendale City Council proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month provides the Glendale Police Department with additional opportunities to educate the community, emphasize that domestic violence is a crime, warn abusers that they will be prosecuted and offer victims aid and support.

A statement from Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers showed the resolve of the City to address domestic violence, "As a City we take all facets of Domestic Violence seriously; prevention, education, enforcement, prosecution and victim's rights. We encourage the residents of Glendale to be informed about signs of abuse, City resources that are available to help victims, and understand the overall impact Domestic Violence has in all communities."

12.7 million people are physically abused, raped or stalked by their partners in one year. That is 24 people every minute. Why does it matter? Because it someone you know. The crimes related to domestic violence are serious, repetitive and have the tendency to escalate in brutality. Domestic violence includes the use of physical, emotional and psychological abuse and control, which affects people from all walks of life and of every age and demographic. The consequences of domestic violence have far reaching effects. At work, it affects productivity, increased absenteeism and raises the risk of violence in the workplace. At home, children who witness domestic violence between their parents are more likely to become abusive with their own family as adults.

During the month of October, we ask that you join the Glendale Police Department, standing in solidarity with victims and survivors in our community and across America, raising awareness about Domestic Violence. You can make a difference one response at a time. The Glendale Family Advocacy Center offers numerous resources for victims of family crimes. It's very important that victims of domestic violence realize they have choices. If you or someone you know is in a violent relationship and would like more information, please contact the Glendale Family Advocacy Center (GFAC) at (623) 930-3720. If you are a victim of a domestic violence crime currently being handled by the prosecutor's office you can call (623) 930-3323 and a Victim Advocate can provide assistance with case-related needs. Anyone wanting more information about domestic violence resources is also encouraged to visit the GFAC website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/advocacycenter/index.cfm>.

Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information

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As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit valleymetro.org/Glendale.

If you would like to discuss your concerns regarding Light Rail / Bus Rapid Transit please contact Councilmember Aldama by calling 623-930-2249 or emailing jaldama@glendaleaz.com.

To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions, or the pavement management program please click on the link below.
<http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/>

Bulk Trash Collection

Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a reminder, residents are asked to place bulk trash out no earlier than 6 a.m. on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2015BulkTrashEnglish.pdf>

Libraries Expand Online Service with New Partnership

Glendale Public Library announced availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics via mobile and online access through a new partnership with Hoopla Digital.

Glendale library card holders can now download the free Hoopla Digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device or by visiting hoopladigital.com. Available content includes thousands of titles - from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers - available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to smartphones, tablets and computers.

"The library is excited to add Hoopla Digital services to our growing electronic resource offerings for our patrons. The selection is varied and downloading is quick," said Glendale's Chief Librarian, Michael Beck.

"With Hoopla Digital, our patrons can enjoy dynamic content from the library on-the-go," said Kathy Curley, Administrative Librarian for Collection Development. "Being digital, there is no waiting period for popular titles and Hoopla's automatic return means no late fees."

Hoopla Digital is a service of Midwest Tape, a trusted partner to public libraries for more than 25 years.



Coming Up

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods

This year's G.A.I.N. event will take place on **Saturday, October 17th from 12-4 p.m.** at Nazarene Church located at 5902 W. Cactus.

For those who may not be familiar with G.A.I.N., G.A.I.N. is an annual event designed to heighten crime awareness and generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts by uniting community members to help create safer neighborhoods. G.A.I.N. is a program that promotes residents and police working in partnership, to share and promote safety and awareness of community issues and increase neighborhood communication and participation. The Police Department believes in the power of prevention and encourages residents, businesses, public and private institutions and faith based organizations to work in collaboration with the Police Department to make our community a safer place to live and work.

G.A.I.N will include a Chili Cook Off! from noon to 1:30 p.m. Enter your chili or your neighborhood watch group's chili into the contest and bring the group out to support your entry! Winners will be selected from the contestants. Contact Community Action Team Member Doreen Anderson at 623-695-0440 for entry or for more information.

21st Annual Front Porch Festival Celebrates Autumn In Historic Downtown Glendale

The 21st anniversary of Glendale's Front Porch Festival and Old Towne Marketplace will be the perfect opportunity to celebrate the autumn season with fun activities and more. Come down to explore the Catlin Court and Old Towne in Downtown Glendale on **Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** with a variety of activities. The historic district will delight visitors, with more than 80 shops that will welcome all on their lawns and front porches, with demonstrations, crafts and more. There will also be a contest among the merchants for the "Favorite Scarecrow" decoration. Guests will be encouraged to vote for their favorites, to be entered to win a basket full of treats and goodies. The business that receives the most votes will get a blue ribbon and of course, bragging rights. The event will kick-off a donation drive for Treats for Troops, a program that sends care packages to deployed military in partnership with the Military Family Support Group.

Touch A Truck Presented By Empire Cat

The annual Touch A Truck event will return to Glendale on **Saturday, October 17 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** at the Westgate's east parking lot. Come out, look at, sit in, and touch trucks of all sizes and shapes. This exciting event is a wonderful opportunity for families to see, touch, interact with, and learn about big trucks and their functions. Commercial and industrial vehicles including a stretch limousine, tow trucks, fire trucks, dump trucks, commercial bucket loaders, sanitation vehicles, backhoes and 18-wheelers



will be onsite to explore. Live equipment demonstrations will also take place. Along with the trucks there are special activities for children, including inflatables, a sand play area, a miniature roadway with toy vehicles called Tiny Tot Drivers and The Big Dig where children can try their hand at scooping sand with a contraption that works like a backhoe. The event is sponsored by Empire Cat.

Glendale Fire Begins Fire Prevention Series

The Glendale Fire Department will kick-off Fire Prevention Week this year with a Fire Prevention Series of educational classes. The next class available to the public is scheduled for **Wednesday November 4, 2015, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** at the main Glendale Public Library located at 5959 W. Brown Road, Glendale.

Fire Prevention Week started in 1927 and commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, a tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. Every year there is a theme and this year it is: "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Room Needs a Working Smoke Detector".

For more information regarding the classes contact Dr. Janet Boberg at jboberg@glendaleaz.com

Got Hazardous Waste? Let Glendale Pick It Up For Free

Most of us have cleaning chemicals or other hazardous items laying around the house or garage that we don't know what to do with. But Glendale's got a solution. The city's solid waste crews will come to your home to pick up your items and dispose of them safely.

Twice a year, Glendale's Solid Waste Division offers the free service, to the **first 750 households that make a reservation**. Residents can call to schedule a pick-up **Sept. 28 through Oct. 23**, and collections will be done between **Oct. 23 and Nov. 6**.

The service not only helps residents avoid transporting dangerous products, but helps keep regular garbage collections safer. The improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can cause problems for the entire community. Simple items that mix together can cause fires or deadly poisonous vapors that can harm city workers or others.

Glendale HOA Academy

Are you looking for advice on how to run your neighborhood homeowners association? Don't miss this free training series offered by the City of Glendale Neighborhood Services, in partnership with Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C. Speak with specialists in the field at these four relevant and industry-specific classes, including "How to Handle Rentals in Community Associations and How to Build Community in HOAs"; "Does your Association have Drones? Nuisance Issues in the Association"; "Budgeting for Community Associations: Audits, Compilations, Reviews, Contracting";

and "Safety, Crime and Vandalism Prevention." The Glendale HOA Academy will be held on **Tuesdays from 1 - 2:30 p.m., from October 13 - November 3**, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. If space allows, non-residents may attend by paying a \$20 fee. Preregistration is required. Call 623-930-2820 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/neighborhoodservices to register.

The "SILKSCREEN SIX" Come to Gallery Glendale

"The Silkscreen Six: A Monosilkscreen Print Exhibition" will be on display and for sale throughout the month of October at Gallery Glendale, located inside Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102.

The exhibit will be on view every Friday and Saturday in October during regular gallery hours, **Oct. 2-31, from 6 to 9 p.m.**

This exhibit showcases the artwork of Jeremy Yocum, Jon Arvizu, Emily Costello, Manny Burrue, Janet Burrue, and Louis Giordano. Discover how six accomplished Valley artists uniquely approach this printmaking medium. You might even be tempted to purchase something to take home with you.

Monosilkscreen/Serigraph printmaking is a type of screen-printing in which the artwork is painted directly onto a 160 mesh silkscreen. By using a squeegee, the image is transferred through the screen onto paper. The process typically requires some preliminary planning and drawing, but once ink is applied onto the screen, the artist has only 15 minutes to complete the painting. This urgency contributes to a spontaneity that leads to amazing results.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The gallery is located between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call Glendale Public Arts Coordinator, Mojgan Vahabzadeh, at 623-930-3557, email Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

Ocotillo District Mobile Office Hours

Councilmember Aldama will be having his next Mobile Office Hours on **Monday, November 2nd from 5:00 to 6:30pm**. Stay tuned for the location of the meeting. We encourage you to stop by and meet with Councilmember Aldama. No appointment is necessary.

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